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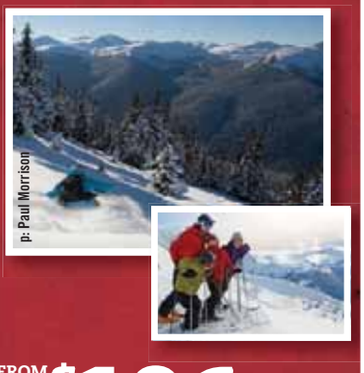
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Blinded by the light

City council to consider motion on BC Place billboards ◗ Signs deemed 'abomination' by critic ◗ Residents still furious screens were installed with no consultation

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▶ David Cookson, local resident and lead organizer of the Take the Giant Screen Down Now campaign, has applauded the city for trying to protect residents from the glare of three electronic billboards at BC Place.

Downtown Vancouver resident David Cookson can't stand the sight of the electronic billboards at BC Place.

But like hundreds of neighbours, he doesn't have a choice as the glare of the big screens lights up his home during the day and on event nights.

"We have constant advertising tormenting us in our homes, our living rooms and our childrens' rooms," said Cookson. "It's a huge glare, it's an abomination. The screen is 10 times the size allowed by city bylaws."

Residents have been trying to fight PavCo over the signs since the renovated stadium re-opened but have received no answers about why the advertising boards — exempt from city bylaws because they sit on provincial land — went up without any consultation.

But help could be on the way.

On Tuesday, Coun. Geoff Meggs plans to introduce a motion at city hall that would demand compliance from PavCo or risk the city taking "further remedies to reduce neighbourhood impact."

"Ultimately we'd like (PavCo) to come back to us and comply with our bylaws. We have to do something to make it easier for the people living down there," said Meggs. "(PavCo) did agree to turn the screens off at night, but even on an overcast day, it's quite disturbing having a light flashing in your living room."

Cookson — who launched the Take the Giant Screen Down Now group — said he's glad Meggs is looking out for residents, but vowed he'd keep protesting until the screens are taken down.

'Modicum of clothing'

Public nudity law upheld

◗ Man discovers it's illegal to be nude when you hit the drive-thru for Timbits {page 8}

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Canucks top Blues in overtime

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Otter. Death

▶ Milo, the Vancouver Aquarium's male sea otter, seen here in July 2010, died Wednesday after a six-month battle with lymphoma.

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Milo, a YouTube star, loses cancer battle

The 12-year-old otter caused a social media buzz four years ago when a YouTube video of him holding hands and "rafting" with another sea otter went viral. Milo was the first live sea otter to be diagnosed with lymphoma and the first to be treated with chemotherapy, the aquarium said in a release.

Same-sex divorce attempt causes international frenzy

Legality of non-resident gay marriages called into question ◐ Laws will be clarified: Feds

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A spell of panic erupted across the world Thursday as the legality of non-residents' Canadian same-sex marriages were thrown into question.

The news broke as one couple — married in Toronto in 2005 because gay marriage was not permitted in their homes of Florida and England — is involved in a legal battle with the attorney general's office over a divorce application.

The Justice Department's position argues that their marriage is not valid because they cannot be legally wed where they live — even though they went through the proper channels in Canada and received a marriage licence.

Even if their marriage is deemed legal, AG lawyers argue that resident requirements have not been met to grant them a divorce.

"I was shocked," said Two Dears and a Queer wedding planner Darryl Persello, whose Vancouver company caters exclusively to destination same-sex marriages. "My first thought is, how can they just undo seven and a half years of marriages?"

Persello hopes that the entire affair is a legal oversight and that "common sense will prevail."

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the government has no intention of rewriting the definition of marriage in Canada and will close any loopholes and discrepancies between marriage and divorce laws.

"This case involved the fact that, under current law, some marriages performed in Canada could not be nullified in Canada," Nicholson said in a statement distributed to media. "I will be looking at options to clarify the law so that marriages performed in Canada can be undone in Canada."

Persello said the number of international weddings in Vancouver has dramatically dropped over the years as more states in the U.S. and countries around the world have legalized same-sex marriage.

Camps likely set alight

Three squatter camps in Stanley Park appear to have been deliberately set on fire Thursday.

No one was injured in the fires that occurred around 11:30 a.m. at three separate campsites, all located about 150 metres off Stanley Park Drive in the woods north of Second Beach.

"The fire investigator has determined that the fires were in all probability deliberately set," Capt. Gabe Roder said in a release.

A propane tank at one of the squatter campsites also exploded. Multiple people saw the smoke and called 911. The fires were also reported by the Harbour Air traffic control tower.

Roder said firefighters arrived on the scene to find tents, tarps and belongings burning and quickly extinguished the fires. There was little damage to the park, but most of the belongings were destroyed.

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Traffic deaths down since 2010: Police

The RCMP say traffic deaths in communities the Mounties police in Metro Vancouver tumbled 38 per cent last year.

There were 60 deaths, compared to 97 fatal crashes in 2010.

Seatbelt-related deaths plunged 75 per cent, alcohol-related fatalities were down 53 per cent and deaths blamed on speed or distracted driving fell as much as 47 per cent.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper poses with workers on Thursday after addressing a gathering at the Seaspan Marine shipbuilding yard in North Vancouver.

Navy fleet will include Canadian design: PM

Ottawa's goal in rolling out $35B shipbuilding program is to end boom-bust cycle in the industry

The next fleet of navy ships will contain components designed by Canadians, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday as he announced an agreement in principle in Halifax and North Vancouver to begin building the vessels under the $35-billion federal shipbuilding program.

Harper was asked whether the designs for the fleet — which include icebreakers, Arctic patrol vessels and destroyers — would be done by Canadian naval architects.

"Design work is all ultimately part of the package," he said. "Obviously we try to minimize design costs, but there will be ultimately Canadian design components involved in all of this."

The Irving shipyard in Halifax will build 21 combat vessels under its $25-billion deal.

The Seaspan Marine Corp. shipyard in North Vancouver will construct seven vessels under its $8-billion contract for non-combat ships.

Another $2 billion for smaller vessels has yet to be allocated to another yard.

MP Peter Stoffer, who serves as the NDP's shipbuilding critic, said he is concerned that some of the best-paid work may end up being shipped offshore.

Stoffer said when the national procurement strategy was announced last year, it wasn't clear whether the vessel designs were to be done in the Canadian shipyards or whether off-the-shelf designs from other countries would be used.

Seaspan CEO Jonathan Whitworth told the crowd of politicians, business leaders and Seaspan workers that the bidding process was an outstanding example of how to manage a procurement process of this size and magnitude.

The process was meant to be fair, open and transparent without any political interference, he said.

"To many people's surprise, this is exactly what happened," he said.

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Burke's condition still critical after surgery

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke remained in critical condition on Thursday after a successful operation to repair a tear to an artery that caused bleeding between her skull and brain.

Burke, 29, was airlifted from Park City, Utah, to Salt Lake City after an accident during training on a halfpipe on Tuesday.

Burke was placed into an induced coma to relieve stress on her brain and underwent surgery Wednesday afternoon.

"With injuries of this type, we need to observe the course of her brain function before making definitive pronouncements about Sarah's prognosis for recovery," Dr. William T. Couldwell, professor and chair of neurosurgery at the University of Utah, said in a statement Thursday. "Our neuro critical-care team will be monitoring her condition and response continuously over the coming hours and days."

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▶ Sarah Burke

Burke tore a vertebral artery, which is located in the neck and supplies blood to the brainstem — the back part of the brain that controls consciousness.

Burke, a native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, was training with a private group at the time of the accident.

A four-time Winter X Games champion, Burke is considered a halfpipe pioneer who also lobbied tirelessly to get her sport included in the Winter Olympics. Halfpipe skiing will debut at the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia.

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Senior nearly hit by train

A 77-year-old Surrey man narrowly escaped injury Thursday after his van was struck by a train in Mission. RCMP said the man's Dodge Caravan got stuck on the tracks at the crossing near Hawkins Pickle Road and Bell Road just after 3 a.m. The man told police he had been driving around lost for four hours when he grew disoriented, turned onto the tracks he thought were a side road and got stuck trying to turn his vehicle around.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

SIGGRAPH to return in 2014

After a record-breaking conference last year, SIGGRAPH announced Thursday that it will be revisiting Vancouver in 2014. The world's premier computer graphics and interactive conference showcases the latest advances in the industry and invites students, enthusiasts and experts to network and share insights. SIGGRAPH — short for Special Interest Group on GRAPHics and Interactive Techniques — is an annual event.

JENNIFER KWOK

Tainted ecstasy linked to death

The ecstasy pills involved in at least one overdose death in B.C. were tainted with a chemical called PMMA, provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall says. The coroner's office is checking 16 other ecstasy-related deaths over the past year to find out if the chemical was present. PMMA delays the effects of the drug, which means some people take more, resulting in an overdose, Kendall says.

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Meter proposal waters down taxpayers' money: Affleck

NPA introducing motion for city staff to produce comprehensive report on why metering is needed ◆ Mayor Robertson passed law in December

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▶ NPA Coun. George Affleck wants to know how water meters will save Vancouver residents money.

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Newly elected NPA Coun. George Affleck is challenging Vancouver city council to prove that water meters won't flush taxpayers' money down the drain.

Mayor Gregor Robertson's council passed a motion in December requiring water metering for all new single-family and duplex homes to encourage water conservation.

But Affleck is questioning whether the water meters would actually reduce water consumption and save Vancouver residents money. He said he also wants to know if this is really about water consumption or finding a new way to tax Vancouverites.

He's introducing his first motion to council Tuesday that asks city staff to come back with numbers and a more comprehensive report on why water meters are needed.

"I'm absolutely supportive of less water usage and that's great," Affleck said. "It's already happening, but what I don't understand is how water metering actually will do that for us."

Vision Coun. Tim Stevenson said he's happy to support Affleck's motion to get the answers he needs.

"Certainly (water metering) is not a tax grab and he'll see when answers come back," he added.

Affleck added that once installed, the water meters will cost taxpayers an additional fee of $80 per year.

"If we suddenly start reducing our water consumption, what impact would that have on the cost of water? If we all have water meters, won't the price of water then go up? These are questions I want answered," he said.

"The council of the last few years has been ticking off environmental boxes ... to try to achieve the greenest city initiative," Affleck added. "I think for the expense of taxpayers, this kind of money could be better used for other environmental initiatives that I think will have a much bigger impact on our city."

Cutting waste a no-brainer

JENNIFER KWOK/FOR METRO

▶ Stephen Greenham, left, and Lorne Tyczenski

A Kitsilano restaurant and bakery has cooked up a recipe to eliminate organic waste and virtually all its garbage.

After replacing their industrial-sized dumpster, which had to be emptied four times a week with a composting machine, last August, Trafalgar's Bistro and Sweet Obsessions Cakes and Pastries have eliminated 100 per cent of their organic waste. Both businesses now share a small, residential-sized garbage cart that is emptied biweekly.

Owners Stephen Greenham and Lorne Tyczenski are convinced reducing their carbon footprints is not difficult at all.

"It's a gradual process," explained Greenham. "We are a company that produces a good amount of waste. Yet we've put next to nothing into the landfill because putting organics into a landfill is not responsible. It (organic waste) doesn't decompose, it just sits there."

The staff had little problem adapting to the eco-friendly practice. Every day, the restaurant and bakery teams separate wastes into eight different disposal streams: Returnable containers, hard plastics, soft plastics, glass, paper, metal, cardboard, and organics. The leftovers barely fill a reused plastic bag.

All compost matter, which included table scraps, was fed into a GreenGood composting machine. The $25,000 machine composts waste in 24 hours with no odour and reduces food waste down to 90 per cent of its original volume.

The resulting compost was collected once a week by Inner City Farms and used in community gardens throughout the city.

"Ultimately, we are turning Vancouver's food waste into food for Vancouver," said Greenham. "It's replenishing and fortifying soil in our community."

Tyczenski is encouraging other businesses to adopt this environmentally responsible practice too. "Within a month of doing it, I keep saying, 'This was so easy.' It amazed me."

JENNIFER KWOK

RCMP distances itself from internal review that praised Pickton investigation

An RCMP report into the force's Robert Pickton investigation that concluded officers made no major mistakes when they failed to catch the serial killer was never supposed to be thorough, a federal government lawyer says.

At a public inquiry into the case Thursday, a lawyer for the families of Pickton's victims cross-examined Supt. Bob Williams, the senior RCMP officer who wrote the report.

Lawyer Cameron Ward wanted to know why the RCMP failed to catch Pickton — or even confirm he was the killer — until February 2002, despite having information pointing to him as a top suspect as early as 1998.

But Jan Brongers, lawyer for the federal government, interrupted.

"Supt. Williams was not asked to develop a position of the RCMP with respect to the quality and adequacy of the investigation," Brongers told the inquiry.

"And he is not here as a spokesperson for the RCMP to give the RCMP's position."

Brongers noted the internal report was never intended to be a thorough, public examination of what happened and what went wrong. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ RCMP Supt. Bob Williams

UVic to review security

The University of Victoria says it will conduct an external review of a serious security breach at the institution. Personal and banking information of nearly 12,000 current and former employees was stolen during a break-in last weekend. UVic President David Turpin says, in addition to the external review, the university will co-operate with a probe by B.C.'s information and privacy commissioner, and will consult with privacy and security experts from Deloitte and Touche. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Possible cougar sighting reported

A possible cougar sighting was reported near a Vancouver Island elementary school on Thursday morning. Children were in the schoolyard at Victoria's View Royal Elementary with staff and were quickly brought back into the school.

West Shore RCMP could not find the cougar. Even though this is an unconfirmed sighting, there have been a number of sightings in the Victoria area over the last month. SHIHO YODA

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Man found guilty of public nudity

Ontarian charged after going through drive-thrus naked Claimed nudity was legal form of expression

An Ontario court upheld Canada's public-nudity law Thursday, saying it doesn't infringe on freedom of expression or the right to practise naturism.

While nudism could be considered a protected form of expression under certain circumstances, "requiring people to wear some modicum of clothing when in public is a reasonable limit," Justice Jon-Jo A. Douglas told the court in delivering his judgment.

The court ruling comes after a constitutional challenge by a man charged in incidents involving public nudity in the Bracebridge area.

Brian Coldin was found guilty of partial nudity that offended public order for incidents at a park and two fast-food drive-thrus.

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▶ Brian Coldin appears at court in Bracebridge, Ont., on Thursday.

He was found not guilty in another incident that started on his own property, a clothing-optional resort he operates in the Bracebridge area north of Toronto.

At Coldin's trial, A&W and Tim Hortons workers testified he was nude when he came to the drive-thru windows and one worker said he pretended to reach for a wallet as if wearing pants.

Outside court Thursday, Coldin said he wasn't nude during that incident, but was wearing a towel.

In his ruling, Douglas found Coldin's actions expressed "not much more than his desire to be publicly nude."

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Brrr... It's cold out there

▶ A woman struggles to cope with the strong winds and heavy snow fall that blanketed Ottawa Thursday.

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Winter's finally here

Pedestrians in Ottawa were forced to brave blustery winter weather conditions after the city was hit with a snowstorm on Thursday.

RCMP spied on Rae during student days, documents show

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▶ Bob Rae

The RCMP spied on Bob Rae during his student activist days and likely amassed a personal dossier on the future Liberal leader, newly declassified documents reveal.

Mountie security agents, wary of late-1960s campus turmoil, kept a close eye on the University of Toronto student council, apparently relying on a secret informant to glean information about Rae and other council members.

The RCMP Security Service conducted widespread surveillance of myriad groups during the Cold War to identify left-wing subversives.

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Feds criticised over same-sex divorce issue

PM says he won't reopen debate after doubt cast on gay marriages

The Harper government is being accused of taking away same-sex rights by "stealth" in light of a surprise government stand that thousands of the non-resident gay and lesbian couples who came to Canada to exchange vows aren't legally married after all.

"The narrow interpretation of the law shows that the Harper government is trying to take away same-sex rights by stealth, and Canadians need to know that the advances we thought were secure are now under threat from the Harper neo-conservatives," Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae told the Toronto Star Thursday.

"I think it's the radical right by stealth."
BOB RAE, INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER

Thousands of same-sex marriages since 2004 involving couples from outside Canada are in limbo as a result of a new position taken by the Conservative government.

In a nutshell, government lawyers are arguing in court that if same-sex couples could not be legally married in their home country, then their Canadian wedding is not valid.

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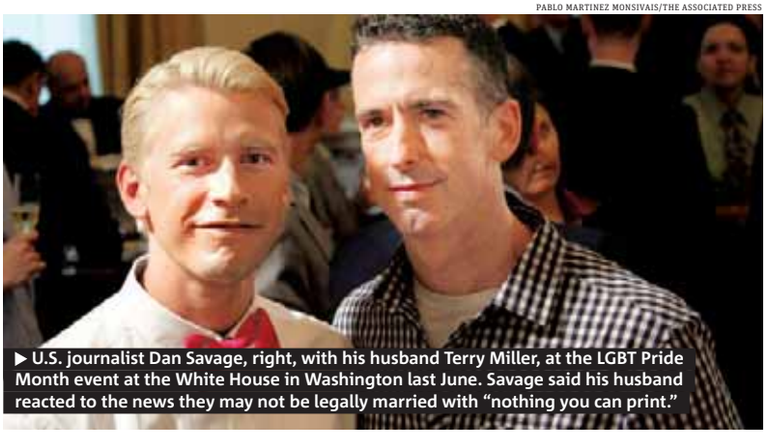

▶ U.S. journalist Dan Savage, right, with his husband Terry Miller, at the LGBT Pride Month event at the White House in Washington last June. Savage said his husband reacted to the news they may not be legally married with "nothing you can print."

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NDP MP Olivia Chow said that Canada used to be a "beacon of hope" for gay and lesbian couples wanting to get married but now it is a "a laughing stock." Chow said if federal lawyers win their argument, then as many 5,000 non-residents who came to Canada to wed are not legally married.

'We're going to fight': U.S. writer Dan Savage

JOE LOFARO IN OTTAWA

Outspoken American author and journalist Dan Savage told his husband Thursday morning their marriage was no longer valid.

What did husband Terry Miller have to say about that?

"Nothing you can print," Savage told Metro in an interview from Seattle.

The couple was reacting to news reports according to which the Conservative government argued non-resident same-sex couples who married in Canada are not legally wed if same-sex marriages are unlawful in their home jurisdictions.

"We're not crawled up in the fetal position on the floor, we're getting up and we're going to fight," he said. "But we're pissed."

Savage said that the controversy has left marriages like his in "legal limbo."

"In Washington state, my husband and I are domestic partners because we're married in Canada," said Savage, who married Miller in Vancouver in 2005. "So if we're not married in Canada, we're not domestic partners here."

Savage said the news was "personally distressing" and "a big step backwards for Canada."

He and his husband will continue to fight to ensure the issue is debated until equality is granted to all same-sex couples.

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▶ Stockbrokers holding placards march to the Exchange Square in Hong Kong on Thursday, protesting plans to trim their lunch break to one hour from 90 minutes.

Leave our lunch alone: Brokers

◗ Time cut to compete globally ◗ Brokers need break not to eat but to meet

Several hundred Hong Kong stockbrokers have marched to the city's stock exchange to protest plans to trim their lunch break between morning and afternoon trading sessions to an hour.

The stockbrokers carried placards Thursday denouncing the plan to shorten the break by 30 minutes. Rally leaders handed a letter of protest to exchange officials.

The shorter lunch break would take effect in March and is the second phase of a plan to extend trading hours. Last year, it was cut to 90 minutes from two hours. Stock exchange officials say they need to bring trading hours in line with international rivals. Brokers say they need the time to meet with clients. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Housing costs to rise — slowly: Royal LePage

The price of homes in Canada will continue rising this year, but the hottest markets in Toronto and Vancouver will grow much more slowly, predicts Canada's largest real estate broker.

Low mortgage rates will continue underpinning housing demand despite the weakening economy, said Royal LePage Real Estate Services in its annual housing outlook Thursday. "Interest rates are the primary driver behind activity levels in the marketplace," said LePage president and CEO Phil Soper.

Experts believe interest rates will remain stable as the economy expands sluggishly, but eventually rates should rise with stronger growth. Royal LePage predicted the national average price for resale homes will rise 2.8 per cent by the end of the year.

The forecast follows a gain of 4.2 per cent in the national average price for a standard two-storey home to $375,427 in the fourth quarter of 2011.

In Vancouver, a standard two-storey home had an average price of $1.1 million in the fourth quarter, up 10.9 per cent from 2010, while Toronto saw a home gain 4.2 per cent to $629,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Screener layoffs on way to Pearson

Big layoffs involving security screeners are coming at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, but whether that will mean travel delays and compromises in security is a matter of dispute between the union and employers. The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority said it has been informed by its contractor, Montreal-based Garda World Security, that 68 screeners at Pearson would be laid off and some 200 others would have their hours reduced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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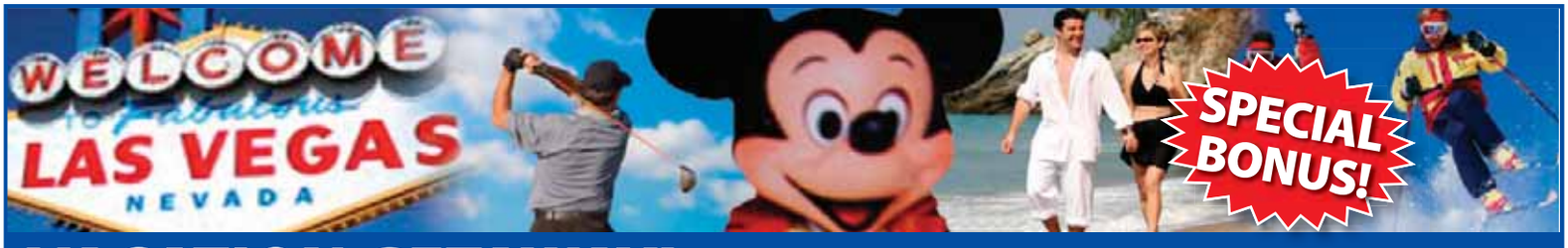

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▶ Men protest following the removal of a fuel subsidy by the government in Lagos, Nigeria, Thursday.

Nigerian labour union threatens cuts to oil, gas

Natural-gas shutdown would turn off the power grid

A major union promised Thursday to stop the beating heart of Nigeria's economy — crude oil production — as part of a nationwide strike and protests gripping Africa's most populous nation.

The union's ability to enforce the shutdown Sunday across the swamps of Nigeria's southern delta to massive offshore oil fields remains in question, though the threat of a strike could sway global oil prices. Nigeria, home to more than 160 million people, has been paralyzed by a national strike that began Monday after the government abandoned subsidies that kept gasoline prices low. Overnight, prices at the pump more than doubled, to at least 94 cents per litre from 45 cents per litre. The costs of food and transportation also doubled.

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria said it would "be forced to go ahead and apply the bitter option of ordering the systematic shutting down of oil and gas production" if the gas subsidies are not reinstated.

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THE METRO LIST

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

It's going to be a jam-packed year, as we have to get it all in before the world ends on Dec. 21.

So let's get started with this week's Metro List, the authoritative compendium of what's goin' on:

1 **PR nightmare:** Four U.S. marines are caught urinating on dead Taliban with extreme prejudice. Once again, the smartphone proves its worth as a weapon of mass embarrassment.

2 **Awwww:** Vancouver Aquarium's sea otter Milo, the world's cutest animal, succumbs to cancer at 12. A YouTube video of Milo and Nyac — also a sea otter — holding paws and floating on their backs, has racked up 17 million views. Nyac was the older woman; she died last year at 20. Who says otters are slippery? Milo was staunch.

3 **Dining alfresco:** Breast-feeding pix nixed on Facebook as sexually explicit, which leads us to wonder just how kinky they are at the world's foremost social network. Meanwhile, that "naturist" guy who kept going through the drive-thru at Timmy Ho's starkers had his sentence upheld. So what's the big deal? They're both cases of little boys having dinner.

4 **World's most dangerous job:** Iranian nuclear scientist No. 4 gets blown up this week. The Israelis: Who, Us? If this keeps up, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will have to make his own damn atomic bombs.

5 **Katy Perry: 5; Russell Brand: 0:** She's hot enough to melt your popsicle, winning five People's Choice Awards. Ex-hubby Russell Brand? He loses the California Gurl. And the consolation prize of being referred to as the star of Arthur is no consolation at all.

6 **Good news, bad news:** In the same week, Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf gets voted to the all-star squad and is rated the NHL's most overrated player. Somebody's wrong.

7 **HBD:** Kate Middleton, er, the Duchess of Somewhere, turns 30. You think that's something? Betty White turns 90 this week, and she's still funny. Kate Middleton has never — to our knowledge — been funny. Although she does smile a lot.

8 **Show us the file:** The RCMP spied on Bob Rae when he was on the University of Toronto student council. Now that he's Liberal leader, they don't care … as he's a threat to no one.

9 **Bieber watch:** He's going back into the studio to work on his next album. Will his voice crack before he's finished?

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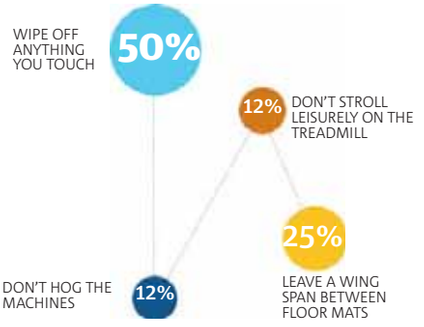

Local tweets

- **@grahamclark:** Wearing chopsticks in my hair by accident.
- **@VanCanucks:** "I haven't had any limitations, so I'm ready to go" - Aaron Rome, who returns for #Canucks tonight. bit.ly/9OflhV
- **@ItsRyanClayton:** To sum up: illegal-at-home marriages never legal in Canada, same-sex divorce exposes this, government scrambling to fix #canqueer #cdnpoli
- **@ctv_stjohn:** Both Sedins, Edler & Hodgson have been invited to the All-Star Weekend in Ottawa (Jan 28) #Canucks
- **@BillTieleman:** BC Premier Christy Clark set to axe Mike McDonald as Chief of Staff - replace with Ken Boessenkool - Harper Conservative insider! #bcpoli
- **@TEAM1040:** The @WhitecapsFC take striker Darren Mattocks and defender Chris Estridge in today's MLS Superdraft. ow.ly/8rwrT
- **@Shainawalker:** Only Carl Valentine would be cool enough to have "Professional Footballer" as an occupation on his first passport ;) twitpic.com/86hb54

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Dutch storms create wave of orphaned seal pups

A volunteer feeds a seal a herring at the Pieterburen seal creche, north of the town of Groningen, in northern Netherlands on Thursday.

Storms that have lashed the Dutch coast this year have created a wave of orphaned baby seals, some so young their umbilical cords are still attached, wrenched from their mothers and washed up on beaches and dikes. An existing Pieterburen seal rehabilitation and research center (SRRC) near the northern city of Groningen has been so inundated with pups and older seals in recent weeks it has erected a temporary tent to house them while they are nurtured back to health before being returned to the wild.

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'Screamers'

- American volunteer Torrey Utne said Thursday that in the last 10 days, more than 100 seals have been brought to the centre for treatment and it now houses some 350 of the marine mammals.
- Many of them are young pups known as "screamers" for their high-pitched whining.

"Some of the seals are really friendly.... They will come right up to you and sniff you because they know you are the one bringing fish."

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER TORREY UTNE, OF BOSTON

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Synopsis

- In the New Orleans-set crime thriller Contraband, Mark Wahlberg plays Chris Farraday, a reformed criminal forced to do the proverbial one last job when his brother-in-law Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) runs afoul of a local gangster (Giovanni Ribisi). To square the deal and pay-off Andy's debt, Chris agrees to go back into his old line of work — smuggling. In this case he must illegally transport millions of dollars in counterfeit bills. But can he navigate around the police, ruthless drug lords and double crosses to keep Andy and his family safe?
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕½
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕

HANDOUT

▶ Mark Wahlberg easily straddles the world of family man and tough guy in Contraband.

Old plot, new twist

The 'one last heist' genre gets the grit of Mark Wahlberg in Contraband

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, Maybe January isn't a dumping ground for awful movies anymore. Used to be that only the dregs came out after Christmas, but Contraband is actually a pretty good thriller. It's not brilliant, but succeeds mainly because Wahlberg can play the family man, as he does in the first part of the movie, and then switch gears to have believable tough-guy swagger.

Mark: Well, the plot — One! Last! Heist! is as old as Dick Clark's toupee. But the movie is all in the details — the gritty port milieu, the dirty hold of the cargo boat, the cheap 'n'sleazy Panamanian dives; this flick is the antidote to Miami Vice — there's zero glamour in this smuggling game. As far as Wahlberg goes, I found him totally believable and it's the best thing he's done in a while. But what's up with Ben Foster? Does he have to be a creep in every movie he's in?

RC: Foster is a fine but typecast actor. He really needs to break away from the deadbeat kind of characters he's been playing lately. More work like his heartrending performance in The Messenger please, and less like paint-by-number creepy guys he plays in movies like this and The Mechanic.

MB: And I was all excited to see Kate Beckinsale out of Vampirella drag — and then they gave her nothing to do; the worst wifey part in recent memory. The other supporting roles weren't all that great, either, although Giovanni Ribisi does make a swell bad guy, and I'll always have a soft spot for JK Simmons after his role in Oz. I like seeing him in anything.

RC: With the way Ribisi chews the scenery here and his work in The Rum Diary he's proving himself to be the hungriest actor in Hollywood next to Nic Cage. He was fun. Beckinsale, not so much. Why cast her and then simply make her the damsel in distress? You'd think after kicking werewolf butt in four Underworld movies she'd be able to defend herself by now. Unfortunately the supporting characters are less interesting than the movie as a whole.

MB: It's not really an 'actor's movie,' is it? But the mechanics of the heist work, as well as the action sequences, and that's why it's worth watching. Oh, and a fabulous art joke, which seems out of whack with the rest of the film, but is a hoot nevertheless.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Will Smith will host Nickelodeon's 25th-annual Kids' Choice Awards. Nickelodeon announced Wednesday that 10-time winner Smith will host the March 31 ceremony from the Galen Center in Los Angeles. The show will air live on Nickelodeon. The actor recently finished filming Men in Black III.
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Beat up by a girl

Channing Tatum meets his match in martial arts expert Gina Carano They square off in Haywire

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Channing Tatum knows how to pick a fight. Last year, he quite vocally went on the record admitting he wasn't interested in watching or starring opposite a female action hero until Hollywood unearthed a woman who was truly intimidating.

"I've always wanted someone that I would be afraid to fight. And they found one," he grins, sitting in a suite at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills where he's promoting his latest film, Haywire, a Bourne-esque action thriller about a covert operative caught in a deadly double cross that's headlined by female mixed martial arts star Gina Carano. "Isn't she just the most amazing little thing ever?" Tatum gushes. "I mean, she's diesel, but she's just got the best heart and she's so good in this movie."

Carano, best known for her fight appearances and role as Crush on American Gladiators, was approached by Haywire director Steven Soderbergh to do an action movie, though he did caution her it would be "interesting" to see who signed opposite on for roles that demanded grown men get their butts kicked by a girl … who also happens to be a trained Muy Thai fighter.

"She's a real fighter, she can beat up most dudes," Tatum chuckles.

Her other co-stars are equally enthusiastic: "Oh, I got my butt kicked sideways by her and I loved every minute of it," Ewan McGregor offers. "It never crossed my mind for a minute not to do the movie for some macho reason."

Carano, who describes herself as "a tomboy who also loved Pride and Prejudice," says she feels incredibly lucky to have been given the chance to do any movie, let alone the lead in a Soderbergh project.

"I don't consider myself what people are necessarily looking for," she says, surprisingly sheepish for someone who knows her way around a submission choke-out.

"So I knew if I was going to get this opportunity, it was going to have to come to me. And it did."

Sculpting her acting chops

- Gina Carano recalls her first day of work, which had her going toe-to-toe with one of 2011's breakout stars, Michael Fassbender. "At that point, I had only read lines with an acting coach for maybe three days," she cringes. "I showed up and Michael said, 'You want to run lines?' And I said, 'Please.' It was the first time I'd run lines with an actor. He put some whiskey down in front of me and said, 'OK, let's do this.'"

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▶ Martial Arts star Gina Carano gets to kick Michael Fassbender's butt in Haywire, which opens next Friday.

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Bracing for Ricky's return

Golden Globe nominees say they're ready, even eager, for the comic wrath of host Ricky Gervais

When Golden Globes host Ricky Gervais took sharp swipes at Mel Gibson, Bruce Willis, Robert Downey, Jr. and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at last year's ceremony, some criticized the comedian for going too far.

Downey described the vibe as "hugely mean-spirited, with mildly sinister undertones."

With Gervais back for his third turn as Globes host on Sunday, nominees are already preparing themselves for the British funnyman's pointed jabs.

"I'll probably get the piss taken out of me, but it's fine with me," said Elton John, nominated for his song from Gnomeo & Juliet. "I'm British. I can take it."

Johnny Galecki, who is up for his first Golden Globe for his work on TV's The Big Bang Theory, said that when he got word he was nominated, "one of my first five thoughts was, 'Oh Christ, Gervais is going to make fun of me.'"

But the actor isn't really worried.

"I'll be flattered by it," said the 5-foot 5-inch Galecki. "I'm looking forward to it. I hope he doesn't just zero in on the height. That's just easy pickings."

Damian Lewis, nominated for his work on the TV series Homeland, said he might also be an easy target for Gervais.

"If he's got a thing about redheads, I'm a sitting duck," Lewis said.

Glee and American Horror Story executive producer Ryan Murphy is excited about Gervais' return and the spice he brings to the three-hour telecast.

"It's always good with the shows to have an unpredictable element to them, and he certainly is that," Murphy said. "He's very funny and very smart and I think he will make nominees even more nervous than they already are, which is kind of funny."

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▶ Will Ricky Gervais have them cheering or jeering at this year's award ceremony?

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Seth Rogen, who produced and starred in best picture nominee 50/50, is also looking forward to Gervais' return. He even went online to check out what the comedian said last year.

"It was the first time in a long time I'd gone on YouTube and watched something an awards show said," Rogen said.

Supporting actor nominee Christopher Plummer said he appreciates Gervais' irreverence.

"I think finally everybody's come to that same conclusion: That that's him, he doesn't mean it, but he's very funny," Plummer said.

Jean Dujardin, nominated for his starring role in the silent film The Artist (which is also up for best picture and is the night's leading nominee with six bids), said it would be an honour if Gervais even mentioned him.

But there's a caveat, the actor said: "If he mocks me, he has to do it silently, without any words."

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A beastly outing

Chris Alexander takes his sons to Beauty and the Beast 3D The boys might not like 'girls in dresses that kiss,' but they like a scary beast

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Today, the house the mouse built digs up another masterwork, in 3D: 1992's sumptuous, Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast. For this review, I opted to not only bring my four-and-a-half year old son Jack to critique, but also another member of my film-reared brood, three-year-old Elliot, a young man who adores motion pictures ... but abhors wearing 3D glasses.

Now that's as good a place to start as any.

Beauty is just that, a ravishing classic fairy tale, with every single hand drawn frame a work of warm art. So why then, put it in 3D? The answer is, of course, to compete in today's screen leaping obsessed marketplace. Beauty is a dark affair, however, and much of the gimmick is ineffective. And in Elliot's case, annoying, as the lad kept removing his specs, refusing my many attempts to put them back on. No matter. He still was gripped by the picture. Both boys were. It's tight, colourful, lively, operatic and brisk. And although the new 3D sheen lacks the punch it promises, it's still exciting to see Beauty and the Beast return to screens.

It also for me, marks a milestone in Jack's cinematic pallet in the form of his newly minted disdain for chick flicks.

"I loved that movie," he remarked as the credits rolled. "But I hate girls in dresses that kiss."

HANDOUT

▶ The 1992 Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast gets the 3D treatment this weekend.

Movie reviews

Red Light Revolution
Genre: Comedy/Foreign
Director: Sam Voutas
Stars: Jun Zhao, Vivid Wang, Xiduo Jiang

In this lighthearted Chinese comedy, a hapless entrepreneur has a streak of bad luck until he opens a sex toy shop in a conservative neighbourhood and discovers the repressed patrons are more willing to shell out for his adult wares than he initially anticipates. While the subtitled film may attract art-house moviegoers, the laughs are fairly broad and the characters benign enough for a Sunday afternoon audience as Australian-born filmmaker Sam Voutas lends the Beijing comedy a keen Western sensibility.

STEVE GOW

The Swell Season
Genre: Documentary
Directors: Nick August-Perna, Chris Dapkins, Carlo Mirabella-Davis
Stars: Glen Hansard, Marketa Irglova

The triumphant Oscar acceptance speech that introduced the world to Falling Slowly songwriters Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova is not the climax of The Swell Season but rather a beginning: this ragged black-and-white documentary examines what happened after the unexpected breakthrough of the 2008 indie musical-romance Once. Lifelong friends and former lovers despite their near-30-year age disparity, Hansard and Irglova cling together and drift apart during a concert tour capitalizing on Once's success; the film is intimately observed but suffers from an absence of compelling drama. The subjects are ultimately just too nice.

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The Iron Lady
Genre: Drama
Director: Phyllida Lloyd
Stars: Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent, Richard E. Grant
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The film begins in the present with Margaret Thatcher, the longest serving British Prime Minister of the 20th Century, diminished by age. She daydreams conversations with her late husband and reflects on the past, which leads us into the "greatest hits" biographical format that makes up most of the movie.

It's all rather standard, elevated by a performance that once again displays what a great technician Meryl Streep is. She embodies Thatcher, from the flamboyant hair to the ever-present pearls although the real heavy lifting is done in the "lion in winter" scenes. It's there the movie goes beyond the showy impersonation and becomes an emotional, well rounded portrait.

● RICHARD CROUSE

A Dangerous Method
Genre: Drama
Director: David Cronenberg
Stars: Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley, Viggo Mortensen
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Director David Cronenberg has rarely been this simply elegant. The story of two pioneering figures of psychoanalysis, Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen), who have a falling out over an intelligent but troubled patient, Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley), is sophisticated and stylish. Shot compositions and camerawork are kept simple so as not to distract from the star of the show — the dialogue. As you might imagine for a drama about therapists, there is a great deal of talk. A Dangerous Method won't be for everyone. The combo of love story and birth of modern analysis is an odd mix, but in its introspection is a fascinating glimpse into the character's lives and minds.

● RICHARD CROUSE

Joyful Noise
Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: Todd Graff
Stars: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer
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You'd have to be pretty hard hearted not to get a charge out of the outsized enthusiasm of Joyful Noise.

OK, the script is overloaded; it's unashamedly cornpone and "squeaky clean" is an understatement. It concerns a local church choir in a vaguely unsettlingly small Georgia town where everyone knows your business.

And sadly, Dolly Parton may have passed the surgical tipping point.

However, the third act gospel competition is a glorious bolt of musical lightning that all but obliterates these niggling problems.

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The Descendants (PG) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat 4:20-7:10-9:45 Sun-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
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Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Mon 1-4-6:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:40
Satyagraha Encore (STC) Sat 9:55
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Mon 7-9:40 Tue-Thu 7-9:35

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:35
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:40-10
Carnage (PG) Fri 1:30-4:35-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:20-10:15
Contraband (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-4:15-7:45-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:55-4-7:20-10:30
A Dangerous Method (14A) Fri-Wed 12:45-4:05-7:15-10:10 Thu 4:05-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-7:35 Mon-Thu 2-7:45
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-9:55
The Devil Inside (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:15-10:10
Fullmetal Alchemist: The Sacred Star of Milos (14A) Sun 12:45 Thu 7:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sun 12:3-30-7:10:40 Mon-Thu 1:20-6:25-10:15
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Wed 12:35-3:40-9:50 Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50
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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-6:50-10:25
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 1:05-4-7:10:05 Sat-Sun 4-7:10:05 Mon-Wed 1:05-4-7:10:05 Thu 1:05-4-10:05
Young Adult (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-10:20

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 5-8 Sat-Sun 2-5-8 Mon-Thu 5-8
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Thu 12:50-3:15-5:35-10:45
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:10
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War Horse (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-4-7:15-10:40 Sun 4-7:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:40

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Happy Feet Two (G) Fri 4:15-7 Sat 1:30-4:15-7 Sun 1:30-4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15
Hugo (G) Fri 4:05-6:55-9:40 Sat 1:20-4:05-6:55-9:40 Sun 1:20-4:05-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55
Joyful Noise (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
The Muppets (G) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Sun 1:15-4-6:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun-Thu 7
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:20-10 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:45 Sat 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:45 Sun 1:25-4:10-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:35-10:05
Contraband (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:15
A Dangerous Method (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Wed 3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:30
The Devil Inside (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:15-8:30-10:50
Fullmetal Alchemist: The Sacred Star of Milos (14A) Sun 12:45 Thu 7:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:30 Fri-Thu 1:15-5:8:45
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:35
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:40-9:15
Joyful Noise (PG) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:40-7:45-10:35 Wed 4:40-7:45-10:35 Thu 1:50-4:40-7:45-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:50-10
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Satyagraha Encore (STC) Sat 9:55
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:45-9:55 Fri-Sun 1-4-7:20-10:25
Spellbound (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:05
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:55-10
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 12:20-3:35-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 3:35-6:50-9:45 Mon-Wed 12:20-3:35-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:20-3:35-10

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The Muppets (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 8:55

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Happy Feet Two (G) Sat-Sun 1-3
Hugo (G) Fri-Thu 8:50
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 5
The Muppets (G) Fri 4:50-6:50 Sat-Sun 2:50-4:50-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-6:50
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45-9
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 5:05 Sat-Sun 1-5 Mon-Thu 5:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:50-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35:7:15-9:55
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:35:7:15-9:55
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-5:50-7:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-5:50-7:55
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3-5:20-7:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45-10
Contraband (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:40-5:20-8-10:45
The Devil Inside (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4-6:15-8:30-10:45
Don 2 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-7:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-7:10:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:20-10:50 Mon-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:05
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Tue 2:20-5:05-7:35-10:15 Wed 5:05-7:35-10:15 Thu 2:20-5:05-7:35-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50-11 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:50
Players (STC) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:25-10:40
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG), Fri 4:05-7:05-9:45, Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:45, Mon 4:55-7:40, Tue 4:05-7:05-9:45, Wed-Thu 4:55-7:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC), Fri 3:30-6:15, Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:15, Mon 4:40, Tue 3:30-6:15, Wed-Thu 4:40
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC), Fri 3:50-6:45-9:15, Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:15, Mon 4:50-7:45, Tue 3:50-6:45-9:15, Wed-Thu 4:50-7:45
Contraband (18A), Fri 4:20-7:15-10, Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:15-10, Mon 5:15-8:20, Tue 4:20-7:15-10, Wed-Thu 5:15-8:20
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG), Fri 4:40-7:40-10:05, Sat-Sun 1:25-4:40-7:40-10:05, Mon 5:30-8, Tue 4:40-7:40-10:05, Wed-Thu 5:30-8
The Devil Inside (14A), Fri 4:45-7:30-10:10, Sat-Sun 1:30-4:45-7:30-10:10, Mon 5:35-8:35, Tue 4:45-7:30-10:10, Wed-Thu 5:35-8:35
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A), Fri 4:30-8, Sat-Sun 1-4:30-8, Mon 4:45-8:10, Tue 4:30-8, Wed-Thu 4:45-8:10
The Iron Lady (PG), Fri 4:10-7-9:40, Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:40, Mon 5:20-8:30, Tue 4:10-7-9:40, Wed-Thu 5:20-8:30
Joyful Noise (PG), , No Passes Fri 3:40-6:25-9:30, , No Passes Sat-Sun 12:55-3:40-6:25-9:30, , No Passes Mon 5:25-8:25, , No Passes Tue 3:40-6:25-9:30, , No Passes Wed-Thu 5:25-8:25
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG), Fri 4-6:55-9:50, Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:55-9:50, Mon 5:7:55, Tue 4-6:55-9:50, Wed-Thu 5-7:55
Players (PG) Sub-Titled, , Fri 4:35-8:10 Sub-Titled, , Sat-Sun 12:35-4:35-8:10 Sub-Titled, , Mon 7:30 Sub-Titled, , Tue 4:35-8:10 Sub-Titled, , Wed-Thu 7:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG), Fri 3:35-6:35-9:35, Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:35, Mon 5:10-8:25, Tue 3:35-6:35-9:35, Wed-Thu 5:10-8:25
War Horse (PG), Tue 4:50-8:10
We Bought a Zoo (PG), Fri-Sun 9:20, Mon 7:35, Tue 9:20, Wed-Thu 7:35

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 2:7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
War Horse (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 2:10-8 Mon-Thu 8

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 2:30:7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Contraband (18A) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
My Week With Marilyn (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 7-10-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-4:05-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:10-9:55
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:35-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-6:55-9:30
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Contraband (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:05-4-7:40-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7:40-10:25
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Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 5-8:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:35-6:25 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:25
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:10-7:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 1-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
War Horse (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:25-6:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-10:15
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:35-10:25
Young Adult (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:25-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:35

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‘It was a way we could get inside Napoleon’s head’

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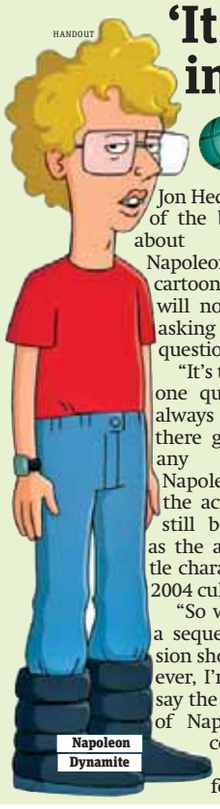

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Jon Heder says one of the best things about his new Napoleon Dynamite cartoon is that fans will no longer be asking him “that” question.

“It’s the number one question you always get — is there going to be any more Napoleon?” says the actor, who is still best known as the awkward title character in the 2004 cult hit.

“So whether it’s a sequel or television show or whatever, I’m happy to say the adventures of Napoleon will continue.”

Also back for the animated series — which will join The Simpsons and Family Guy on Fox’s Sunday night lineup — is the film’s director/writer Jared Hess and all the original cast members. Add to that executive producer Mike Scully (The Simpsons), and the future looks bright for the curly-haired nerd.

“We always felt if we ever continued the adventures of Napoleon, that we would do it in animated form,” says Hess.

“It was a way we could get inside Napoleon’s head…to kind of do things you can’t do in live action. One of the great things about animation is that it costs just as much to draw a space ship as a car.”

The cartoon marks the first time the cast has been back together since the film’s release.

“It’s been a lot of fun,” says Hess. “Because most of us hadn’t seen each other since it played at Sundance when we first screened it. It was kind of a fun, little reunion to get everyone back together for the table read…”

Less enjoyable for Heder has been the increased acting workload.

“It was a very relaxing film to do because…you can hide behind your eyelids and rest your voice,“ he laughs. “But for the lead character in an ongoing animated series, I’ve had to show way more emotional range than I’ve ever had in anything else.”

Mourning Maury

Cast of Less Than Kind come together after sudden death of actor Maury Chaykin ◗ Filming now therapeutic

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▶ Less Than Kind returns for a third season Sunday on HBO Canada.

Overcoming the loss of your lead actor can be detrimental to a television series.

For Less than Kind — who suddenly lost the prolific, irreplaceable Maury Chaykin in July — demise surely seemed imminent.

“We thought about (calling it quits) but I think we just absorbed the shock of it,” said head writer/producer Mark McKinney, perhaps better known as one-fifth of the legendary Kids in the Hall comedy troupe.

“We realized we had created this great show about a completely authentic family and this was a really sad but completely authentic experience that people could relate to so (continuing) seemed like an obvious thing.”

Despite the difficult decision to persevere with a third season (which premieres this Sunday on HBO Canada), the experience of finding a way around a set that didn’t include Chaykin’s magnificent personality was an adjustment.

In an act of art imitating life in the new season, the fictional Blecher family will find catharsis grieving for their patriarch just as the real-life close-knit cast and crew had to.

“Sam Blecher dies early in the series and like it happens in families, this rearranges and changes relationships,” explained McKinney.

“Then people work their way back; so we send the characters quite far out of their normal orbit and then sort of pull them back but I hope in a realistic way. And it’s funny too considering what we were dealing with.”

But turning out new episodes wasn’t just steely resolve for the show. For those close to Chaykin, filming became an exercise in therapy — that especially rang true for McKinney.

“Maury died five days before my mom did so it was really a hell of a summer. But my own family, we grew a factor closer by going through that together and so did this cast so in that sense it was all good in a way.”

‘So grateful’

Less Than Kind won three Gemini Awards while the cast still mourned Chaykin’s death.

▶ “Winning the Geminis was amazing but we were all together a week before that for our first read-through (of Season 3) and that is the thing that is special to me,” said McKinney. “We were so grateful to be back together and to be able to process all this.”

Gifted actor

Maury Chaykin accumulated more than 120 film/TV credits in over 35 years. Here’s an abbreviated filmography of the actor:

- **Less Than Kind** (2008-2010)
- **HBO’s Entourage** (2005 – 2007)
- **Nero Wolfe** (2001 – 2002)
- **Mystery, Alaska** (1999)
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So(u)n(d)s of anarchy

Katey Sagal's music career gets a boost from hit show's soundtrack

Somebody get Katey Sagal a record deal — no really.

Although she's happy with her day job on the successful F/X series Sons of Anarchy, in her heart, she's a singer — and she gets a chance to show it as part of a new collection of songs from the show's first four seasons.

"I love being an actor, but there's something about playing music that's a gift," the 57-year-old Sagal admits.

In the past, Sagal recorded on Elektra and Casablanca Records. But times have changed in the music business for her, and she paid to record her last album. Sagal yearns to record again in a more traditional manner.

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▶ Katey Sagal

"I'm still old school. I have to go in the studio with a producer."

Music From Sons of Anarchy: Season 1-4 features three songs by Sagal, and represents a return to her main love. Though Sagal gained her fame as an actress, her first big break in show business was in music. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSIC PREDICTIONS FOR 2012

SOUND CHECK

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Here are some predictions for music in 2012.

Indie music's impact will be greater than ever. Major labels — we'll soon be down to just three — will continue to chase mass audiences with mass appeal artists. Their focus will be more on creating Top 40 superstars. It'll be up to the indies to deliver the truly interesting stuff. And they will.

In addition to mass appeal acts, the major labels will really push heritage performers. This year's big reunions so far are the Cranberries (new album on Feb. 14), the Stone Roses (festivals this summer) and Black Sabbath (new album this fall). Also expect more deluxe reissues (Tragically Hip, I'm looking at you) as they try to persuade us to buy new copies of old albums — at a premium, of course.

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▶ Madonna is hoping her new album will go to number one on the charts.

Madonna and the Rolling Stones will battle it out for the tour of the year. Madonna will release her new album in March. And, although they're playing coy, there's no way the Rolling Stones won't go on a 50th anniversary tour this year.

The gap between what's on the radio and what the kids are listening to online will continue to widen. Ask anyone under 24 about Lana Del Ray and they'll know instantly who you're talking about. Even though she's barely made any kind of dent in commercial radio, her indie appeal is enough for her to be the musical guest on Saturday Night Live.

This is the year streaming music services will really take off. Rdio and Slacker are already in Canada. Spotify is coming.

CDs will still be around in twelve months. Ignore all those stupid predictions that the labels will boot the compact disc this year.

There will be another glut of Christmas albums in 11 months. For the past couple of years, Christmas albums have saved the music industry's fourth quarter. The trend will repeat in 2012.

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Love don't cost a thing, just $40,000 a month

J-Lo paying her latest boytoy $10,000 a week to ensure he wears the pants

THE WORD

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It pays to be Jennifer Lopez's boy toy. Star magazine reports that Lopez is paying her former back-up dancer Casper Smart $10,000 a week so he can pretend like he has the funds to date her high-profile self (it's like crazy Britney Spears all over again).

A source tells the mag, "She hated having to whip out her credit card every time they go to dinner. Jen figured it's easier to give Casper a weekly stipend, and she thought $10,000 was a nice round number. Jen doesn't want to go over the top, showering Casper with too much, but she also wants him to up his game. Jen is hoping Casper won't think twice about buying presents for her kids or whisking her off for a surprise weekend getaway."

Ha. No. $40,000 a month as payment to be your boyfriend isn't "over the top" at all! That's totally normal. From the block, indeed. No wonder she's shilling so hard for Fiat — she has a boyfriend to support.

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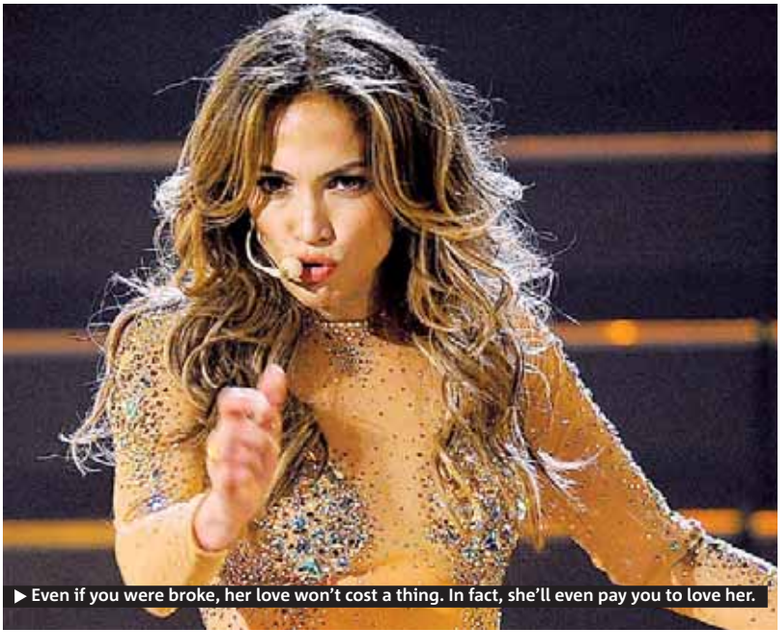

▶ Even if you were broke, her love won't cost a thing. In fact, she'll even pay you to love her.

▶ Halle Berry

Berry still bursting

Halle Berry is reportedly eager to expand her family with fiancé Olivier Martinez, according to Star magazine.

"Halle is very serious about this marriage," a source says. "She's ready."

Another source adds, "Olivier has become her rock. Halle would love to have more kids, but she knows it might be difficult because of her age and the fact that she's diabetic."

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Talking points

Kelly back with Derek Jeter

THEY'LL BE OFF AGAIN IN A FEW WEEKS Minka Kelly is back together with her on-again, off-again boyfriend, New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, but when they were last off she didn't exactly have a shortage of other options. Sources tells Us Weekly that Kelly shot down a come-on from Jake Gyllenhaal last fall while she was temporarily single. But that's not to say that Gyllenhaal isn't up to her standards. Kelly was just "trying to patch things up" with Jeter quietly at the time.

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Cougar Town confuses Cox's child

I SAW MOMMY KISSING ... Courteney Cox says her on-screen romance with Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins has led to some confusing moments at home with her 7-year-old daughter, Coco, since Hopkins is also a close family friend.

"She shouldn't watch Cougar Town, but she does," Cox tells Us Weekly about her daughter. "She's always like, 'Mommy! Did you really kiss Josh?' And I'm like, 'I'm just faking it!'" Cox and Hopkins have been rumored to be dating in real life as well but have both denied reports of a relationship.

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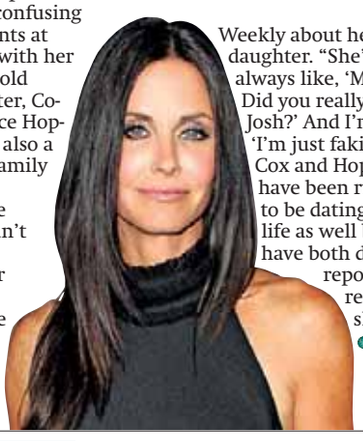

Celebrity tweets

"my bronchitis is going away...OR I'm dead and in heaven and don't know it yet...either way, it's all good."
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"And now, a much needed Epsom bath soak after all this working out I've been doing every day!"
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Wine sipping on a budget

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A New Year brings many things. None of which are more thrilling than those post-holiday bills dropped off by your friendly postman.

While coming to grips with how much you spent making your Christmas merry may be enough to drive you to drink, finding a bottle of something decent you can pay for with the change found between your couch cushions may seem unlikely.

Though larger format sizes offer good value, many are blended, non-vintage wines with European sounding names and lackluster taste. That makes a drinkable, inexpensive vintage wine in a 1,500 millilitre bottle one of the Holy Grails of the booze business.

Low labour costs and a predictable climate make those from Chile consistent and quaffable. The 2010 Frontera Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot (1,500 ml, $14.95 - $20.49) — made by mega producer Concha y Toro — is a light mix of bright acidity, super soft tannins and fresh berry flavours.

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A taste that's Golden

Hosting a Golden Globes party? Impress guests by skipping the predictable finger foods Serve Blue Cheese & Walnut Crisps and wine

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Save the champagne for the Oscars and serve up a little port for a fun evening get-together to celebrate the Golden Globe winners.

The pairing of salty delicate crackers and sweet aged port will be a sophisticated match to enjoy while basking in the winners' circle.

EMILY RICHARDS

The recipe makes 30 crisps.

Preparation:

1. In a food processor or bowl, combine cheese and butter. Add flour, walnuts, pepper and salt. Blend until dough starts to come together. Bring mixture together with your hands as necessary and place onto a large piece of plastic wrap.
2. Shape dough into about a 6 inch (15 cm) long log and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until firm.
3. Cut into 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick slices and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until golden. Let cool completely on pan. Remove with small spatula. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup (175 mL) crumbed blue cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) ground walnuts
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground pepper
- Pinch salt

Crisp Tips

Dough
Make the dough ahead and keep it refrigerated for up to five days. Slice and bake it as needed.

Topping
You can also enjoy these crackers with a dallop of hot pepper jelly or as part of a cheese platter.

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A Golden Menu

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Canucks secure top spot

Win over Blues gives team league-leading 59 points **Daniel Sedin gets 700th career point**

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▶ Ryan Kesler watches as a shot by teammate Daniel Sedin slips past Blues goalie Brian Elliott.

The Vancouver Canucks kept it close, then pounced.

Daniel Sedin scored a power-play goal 46 seconds into overtime to give the Canucks a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night in a matchup for first place in the Western Conference.

The Canucks prevailed despite getting outshot 33-21 by the upstart Blues, who have missed the playoffs five of the past six seasons. The shot total matched a season low for Vancouver, second in the NHL with 33 road points.

"It's a sign of a good team when you can have so-so games and still come out on the right side," Sedin said.

Alexandre Burrows had two goals and drew the decisive penalty for the Canucks, who have an NHL-best 59 points — three more than St. Louis. David Backes was whistled for boarding with 19.9 seconds to go in regulation, and the Blues were in disarray in overtime after defenceman Roman Polak broke his stick shortly before Sedin beat Brian Elliott from the right faceoff dot.

"Their guy went to get his stick, and it opened up a passing lane from Hank (Sedin) to me," Sedin said. "It wasn't the best shot, but we'll take it."

Forward T.J. Oshie gave his stick to Polak but stayed on the ice for several seconds before responding to calls from the bench waving him over. Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said it was the wrong move, but didn't blame Oshie.

"We don't want to do it 4-on-3," Hitchcock said. "He shouldn't have been called off."

Jason Arnott scored both goals for the Blues, who lead the Central Division by a point, despite the end of a four-game winning streak. Hitchcock thought Burrows was a fine actor, and added from his viewpoint Burrows had turned so he hadn't been checked from behind.

"I didn't agree with the penalty at all, not one bit," Hitchcock said. "I saw what I saw. A hockey play."

The goal was the 700th career NHL point for Daniel Sedin, who assisted on the Canucks' first goal.

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All-star roster

The NHL announced on Thursday the final 36 spots for the NHL All-Star Game and three Vancouver Canucks made the list.

▶ The Sedin twins, Daniel and Henrik, will be joined by Vancouver teammate Alexander Edler at the Jan. 29 showcase in Ottawa.

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"I did hear something kind of pop a little bit, so I thought it was something different."

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What's behind Bargnani's breakthrough?

The big wonder is how Andrea Bargnani has been able to do so much so far in this NBA season while running around the court with that lightbulb finally shining over his head.

Yes, after six seasons of little more than maddening inconsistency — flashes of excellence followed long stretches of infuriating lethargy — Bargnani seems to finally get it.

He is engaged at both ends of the floor, he rebounds in traffic, he is animated and excellent and one of the premier scorers in the entire league.

"Andrea for me, and I've been telling all my coaching friends around the league, is playing like an all-star on both ends of the floor," is the oft-stated belief of Raptors coach Dwane Casey and when Casey says that, eyebrows aren't necessarily raised in disbelief.

But why now?

Why, in his sixth season, is the seven-foot Roman finally showing the consistent determination and varied skills that led Raptors president and general manager Bryan Colangelo to make him the first-overall pick in the 2006 draft, the first time a European-born player had achieved such exalted status?

"I think he's getting the respect of league now. I don't know if last year he had it, but I think he's getting it."

RAPTORS COACH DWANE CASEY

Talk to coaches, teammates and close observers of the team and it comes down to two salient points.

He's finally been challenged to perform on the defensive end or risk being made an afterthought — "true accountability" is the phrase most commonly heard — and Bargnani is simply a very good basketball player who took longer than some had expected to understand the nuances of the game.

"He's matured, he knows this is his team, he's one of the stars of our team ... he's growing up," says his coach. "You're watching a guy grow up from a young player into a man and I think his confidence and his game is going higher and higher."

A strained calf has put a crimp into Bargnani's blistering start to the reduced NBA season. He left Wednesday's loss to the Sacramento Kings in the second half and his availability for Friday's home game against Indiana is in doubt. Officially, he's listed as day-to-day but with the Raptors in recent years, day-to-day is a catch-all for everything from major surgery to a cold.

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Bailey vs. Brady six years later

Underdog Broncos look to repeat magic of 2006 and once again end heavily favoured Patriots' playoff hopes

The last time the Broncos and New England Patriots met in the playoffs, Champ Bailey returned an interception 100 yards, sparking a big Denver win and handing Tom Brady his first postseason defeat after 10 wins and three titles.

Six years later, they meet again on Saturday, both men longer in the tooth but just as transcendent.

At age 33, Bailey has helped the Broncos (9-8) reach the playoffs for the first time in six seasons.

"He's really a playmaker for them," Brady said. "He's a great leader. He's everything you look for in a football player."

That's pretty much what Bailey said about Brady.

"He's smart, accurate, he has all the tools," Bailey said. "He's tough, confident. Everything you want in a player."

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▶ Tom Brady

At age 34, Brady threw 39 touchdown passes, the second-best total of his great career, and led the Pats (13-3) to the top of the AFC by winning his last eight starts, including a blowout at Denver on Dec. 18.

The heavily favoured Patriots are 8-2 in home playoff games under Brady, whose 14-5 post-season record is tied with Terry Bradshaw for the best mark in league history.

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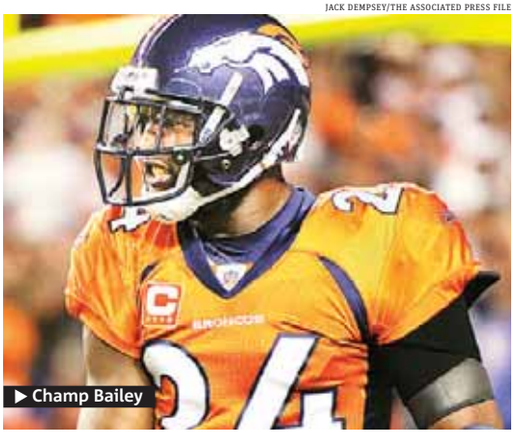

▶ Champ Bailey

The Broncos captain readily acknowledges he doesn't particularly enjoy facing Brady.

"It's more frustrating when you're out there because he's so good. He's one of the best ever," Bailey said. "I think a lot of people want to find out who's going to be the next guy, but he always reminds everybody he's still the best."

Brady said he's not thrilled to see Bailey again, either.

"I wish I could have him on our team and not play against him. I'm tired of playing against him," Brady said. "He definitely challenges us.

That's what happened Jan. 14, 2006, when Bailey made the play that ended New England's dominating dynasty along with Denver's years of playoff misery.

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Champ Bailey and the Broncos will be out for their seventh win in 10 tries against Tom Brady. No other team has had that much success against the two-time MVP.

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SWAP

Habs trade Cammalleri to Flames

The Montreal Canadiens shipped forward Michael Cammalleri to the Calgary Flames on Thursday, adding another chapter to the storied organization's turbulent season.

The Canadiens receive forwards Rene Bourque and Patrick Holland and a second-round pick in the 2013 draft. Bourque is currently serving a five-game suspension for elbowing Washington's Nicklas Backstrom in the head.

The trade comes one day after Cammalleri was quoted as questioning the Canadiens' attitude in the dressing room after a loss to the St. Louis Blues.

Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier denied the trade had anything to do with the recent controversy and said the team has been working on a deal for more than a month.

He said the young players who joined the team this year like David Desharnais and Rafael Diaz are smaller skaters, but the team needs to get bigger. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MLS. SuperDraft

▶ Darren Mattocks, selected by the Whitecaps, is greeted by MLS commissioner Don Garber.

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Mattocks a Whitecap

The Vancouver Whitecaps selected University of Akron forward Darren Mattocks with the No. 2 pick in Thursday's Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

The Whitecaps were delighted to land Mattocks, who had 39 goals in 47 matches in the last two seasons at Akron.

"He brings different qualities to the front line," said Whitecaps coach Martin Rennie, who already has skill up front in Camilo Sanvezzo and Eric Hassli. "He's more of a striker who gets behind the defence. He stretches the defence. And he's got finish. He's a prolific goal-scorer and that's hard to find."

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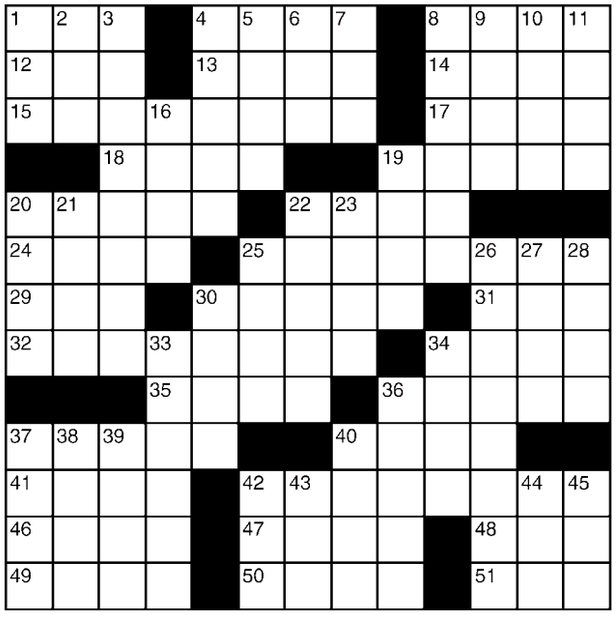

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Sudoku

			4		7	1	3	
6	3				1		7	
1		4	8			6		
3	1		2		8	7		9
5		2	7		9		8	6
		5			3	8		1
	8		5				6	3
	6	3	1		4			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	2	4	3	9	6	8	1	5
9	1	3	8	4	5	2	6	7
5	8	6	7	1	2	3	4	9
4	5	1	9	2	7	6	8	3
6	9	2	5	8	3	4	7	1
8	3	7	4	6	1	5	9	2
3	7	8	1	5	4	9	2	6
1	6	9	2	3	8	7	5	4
2	4	5	6	7	9	1	3	8

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Today's Sun-Mars link makes this the ideal time to impress employers and other important people.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
There is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot have. No, really. The only danger is that you might get carried away.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Find a quiet place where you can be alone then ask yourself some questions about who you are.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you let partners dictate the terms today, you can be sure that they won't be favourable to you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You have been working too hard and need a break. You will be no good to anyone if you run yourself into the ground.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
With Mars in your sign, linked to the Sun, there is precious little you cannot do today. Get out there!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Today, you'll have to deal with someone you don't like, but there is no point in getting annoyed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Today, you will attract a few hangers-on. Watch that they don't have too good a time at your expense.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
With both Mars and Pluto strong in your chart what changes you decide to make will be irreversible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Your confidence is at a high at the moment. But that does not mean you have to do everything.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
The less others know about your aims and ambitions, the better. It's OK to be a bit secretive today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Take the initiative in group and social activities, and don't be afraid to tell others what they should be doing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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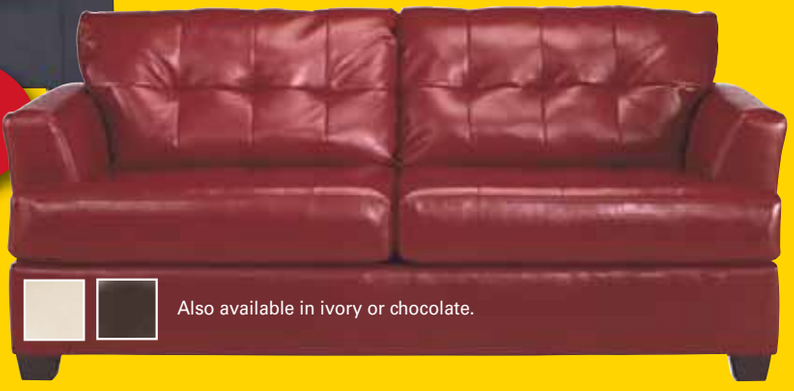

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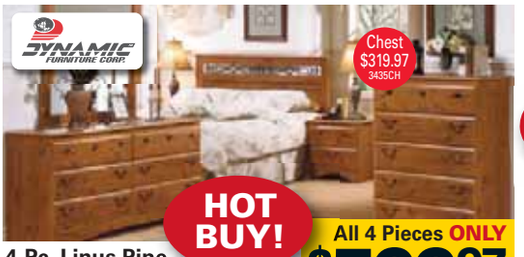

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